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London Man Guilty of Insurance Fraud ***Gave insurance company falsified invoice for towing, storage of vehicle***

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 4, 2008) – A Laurel County man received a 360-day jail sentence, probated for 24 months, after falsifying a towing and storage invoice and giving it to his insurer for reimbursement. The case was investigated by the Kentucky Department of Insurance Fraud Investigation Division.

Steven Daniels, 41, told State Farm Insurance that after his vehicle burned in October 2007, it was towed to and stored at Gibson's Automotive in London. Daniels showed an invoice indicating he had paid Gibson's \$775 in cash for the services. As part of the investigation, it was discovered that he falsified the invoice and had not received any services from Gibson's.

He originally was charged with one felony count of insurance fraud but pleaded guilty to an amended misdemeanor count in Laurel District Court. In addition to the probated sentence, he was ordered to pay \$154 in court costs.

"We take these cases very seriously, regardless of the dollar amount involved. When someone tries to cheat the system, we all pay," said Insurance Commissioner Sharon P. Clark.

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